

Atlanta City Council District

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Aline Lavern Drive Blandtown Bolton Hills Carver Hills Cresendo Valley DeFoors Place Handy Park Hanover West Harwell Heights
Hills Park
Lincoln Homes
Monroe Heights
Moores Mill Village
Riverside
Underwood Hills
Whittier Mill Village

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PARKS

Abner Place Park
A.D. Williams Park
Arlington Circle Playlot
Center Hill Park
Chattahoochee Park
Coronet Way Park
Edwin Place Park
English Park
Haynes Manor Park
Lillian Cooper Shepherd Park
Mantissa Street Park
Rockdale Park
Spink Collins Park
Underwood Hills Park
Whittier Mill Park



City Council District 9 is a diverse community of people that contains more than 16 neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPUs) C, D, G and J. The District stretches from the Chattahoochee River to the shadow of Georgia Tech and include much of Atlanta's industrial land.

District 9 is one of the more park-rich districts in the City, with the fourth highest park acreage among all districts. The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 9 contains nearly 163. The Department of Watershed Management also has acquired dozens of acres of greenspace in the District.

Park Pride is actively engaged with several District 9 communities to improve their parks. The Friends of Underwood Hills Park have used our volunteers, tools and plantings. Spink Collins benefited from several Park Pride volunteer days and is developing a master plan through our Park Visioning Program. Park Pride's Community Micro Grants and Fiscal Partners programs have helped Whittier Mill restore the historic buildings in their park.

Although only a small part of the Atlanta BeltLine project touches District 9, the project will significantly impact the District. The BeltLine Redevelopment Plan will create a 350 acre West Side Park that will triple the park acreage in District 9. West Side Park also will be the largest in the City of Atlanta. Already, the City has acquire the 123 acre Bellwood Quarry Site, which will be converted

into a reservoir and parkland, providing the foundation for the West Side Park. In addition, the PATH Foundation plans to link the BeltLine to its Silver Comet Trail by way of District 9. Residents eventually will be able to ride their bikes from West Side Park to Alabama.



The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.

Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.

The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.

FAST FACTS - DISTRICT 9

Number of Parks	15
Parks ≥ 1 Acre	13
Total Park Acres	162.57
Largest Park	Center Hill
Playgrounds	8
Ballfields	5
Tennis Courts	4
Outdoor Basketball Courts	7
Recreation Centers	2